

GEOCODING OUR HUMANITY

Markers of People, Place & Time



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MY WORLDVIEW / I AM **NOT** A GEOSPATIAL EXPERT

My DNA = ETHNOGRAPHER. A systems thinker. Social justice digital transformation. PhD from The University of Sydney's Faculty of Education & Social Work.

25+ yrs work & research in border enforcement, humanitarian (refugee) crises & the social implications of tech.

I work Local/Global with Refugees (Karen & Hazara), Indigenous (Adivasi of India) & African diaspora communities (esp. Somali). UNSDGs #4, #5 & #15 (with Indian, Pakistani & Somali partners).

Fieldwork on the Thai-Burma Border & the Satpuda Ranges of Maharashtra State, India.



ROADMAP

CORE CONCEPTS OF REFUGEES & OPPRESSED POPULATIONS, GEOCODING & HUMANITY

MY CONSTRUCTS

SETTING THE SCENE THROUGH MARKERS OF PEOPLE, PLACE & TME

- THE BALKAN CRISES (Bosnia 1992-96; Kosovo 1998-99)
- KAREN REFUGEES ON THE THAI-BURMA BORDER (~1985-present; 2010)
- ADIVASI OF INDIA (2014-present)

THE DIGITAL AID FRAMEWORK

OUR CONSTRUCTS

ACTIVITY: REAL-TIME CROWDSOURCED GEOCODING CONSIDERATIONS

THE POWER OF TÉMOIGNAGE (PEOPLE, PLACE & TIME)

- DAVID DUSHMAN & THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ



CORE CONSTRUCTS / REFUGEES & OPPRESSED POPULATIONS

A photograph showing the silhouettes of a group of people, likely refugees, walking across a field at sunset. They are carrying various items, including bags and baskets, on their heads and backs. The sky is filled with large, colorful clouds in shades of blue, purple, and orange. The ground is dark, and the overall scene conveys a sense of displacement and journey.

**Everyone has the right to seek and to
enjoy in other countries asylum
from persecution.**

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Deep, unassuming human warmth, its beautiful mountains, numerous medieval castle ruins, raftable rivers, impressive waterfalls and bargain-value skiing.

Lonely Planet: Bosnia-Herzegovina

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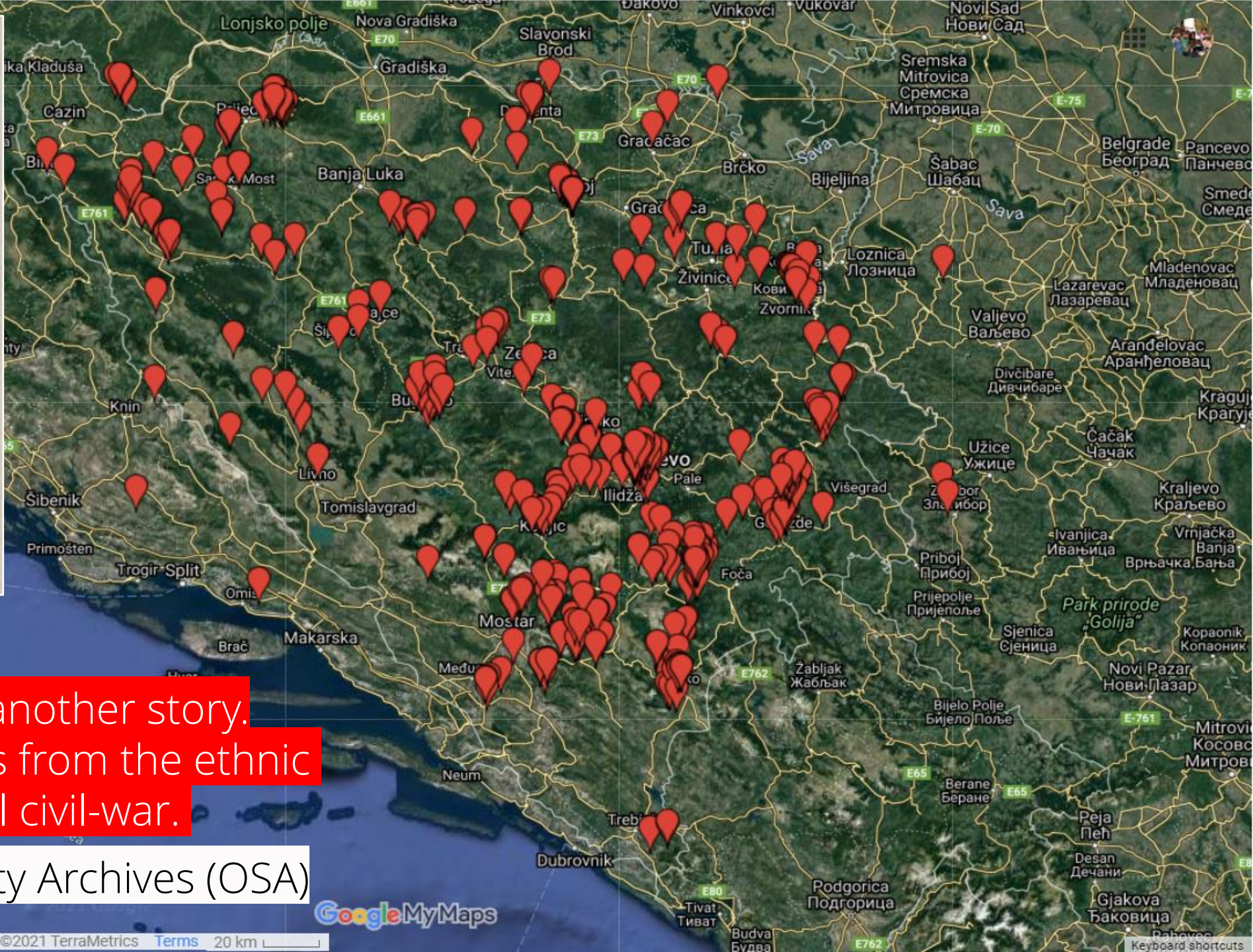
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Geocoding tells us another story.
Documented graves from the ethnic
cleansing of a brutal civil-war.

Blinken Open Society Archives (OSA)

Follow the white rabbit

The power of geocoding

Citizen coders & the unintended consequences



HUMANITY

A large crowd of diverse people, seen from an aerial perspective, is arranged on a white surface to form the word 'HUMANITY'. The letters are composed of many individuals of various ages, ethnicities, and clothing colors. Some people are standing within the letters, while others are walking around them. The overall scene is bright and clean, with soft shadows cast by the people.

From the Latin **humanitas** for **human nature, kindness**.

Noun: **Understanding and kindness toward other people** (Cambridge Dictionary).

The definition of humanity is **the entire human race** or the characteristics that belong uniquely to human beings, such as **kindness, mercy** and **sympathy**.

Humanitarianism is informed by a variety of ethical principles, religious, cultural, and humanist beliefs, as well as global-level agreements, including the International Declaration of Human Rights (Cinnamon 2020).

HUMANITY CONSIDERATIONS

Kindness

Empathy

Goodwill

Benevolence

Sympathy

Generosity

Mercy

W E B E O G F J A O Q V E R Z
I T U K C W O B D G C M M B O
W F S A M N V O H Y N E P S R
Y T P H T Z E J D M N T A S V
O J V F M D Z L Y W G K T E C
Q G T Y U W U H O Z I W H N Y
M Z J S M N T Z B V Y L Y D C
R B J E X A G X B R E C L N E
R L R G P E V O F H U N B I A
S C Q M C M P T C Z B C E K G
Y T Y G E N E R O S I T Y B C
S S K O P O Z H B J G D K L R
G I H G I I D R S U O X O K N
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V R D J K Z H F L P V D Z R O



The Handshake Protocol



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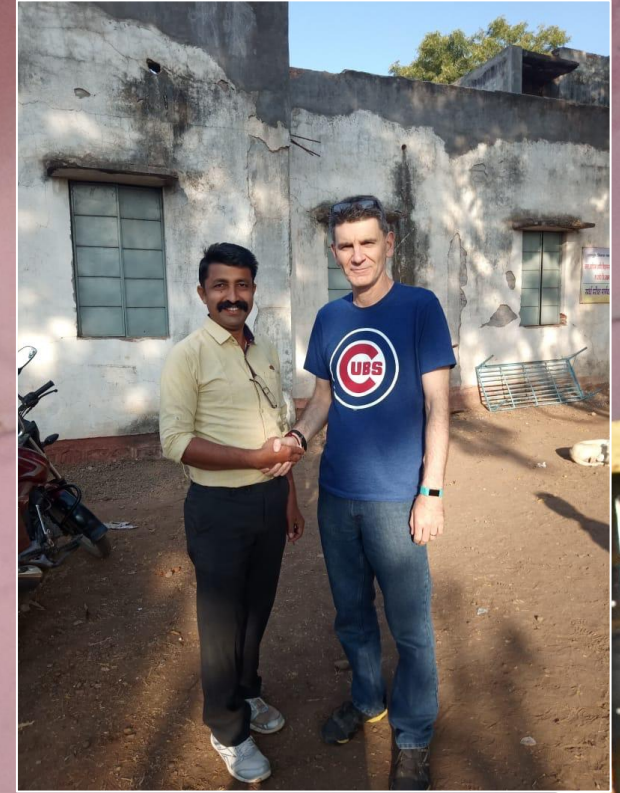
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Jama Masjid, Mumbai, India







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THAILAND



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MAY 2010

KAREN REFUGEE /
HIGHER EDUCATION



JAMNYA, INDIA

DECEMBER 2016-

ADIVASI JUSTICE
THROUGH DATA



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75.42'36.20° E

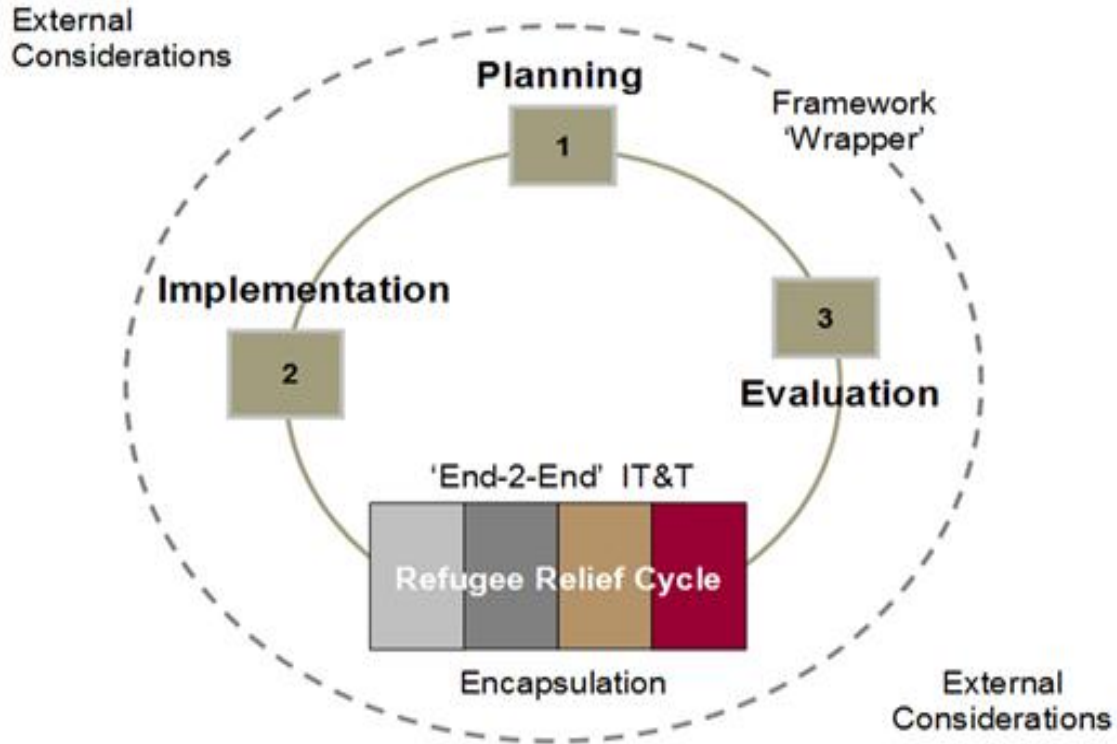
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“HOW DO PEOPLE ACTUALLY FEEL ABOUT ALL
THEIR DATA BEING COLLECTED...
...NO ONE IS ASKING THEM”...

Dragana Kaurin, Founder, The Localization Lab

THE DIGITAL AID FRAMEWORK



ACTIVITY: REAL-TIME CO-CREATION OF CONSIDERATIONS FOR GEOCODING OUR HUMANITY

WHAT ELEMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY WRAPPER OF GEOCODING OUR HUMANITY?



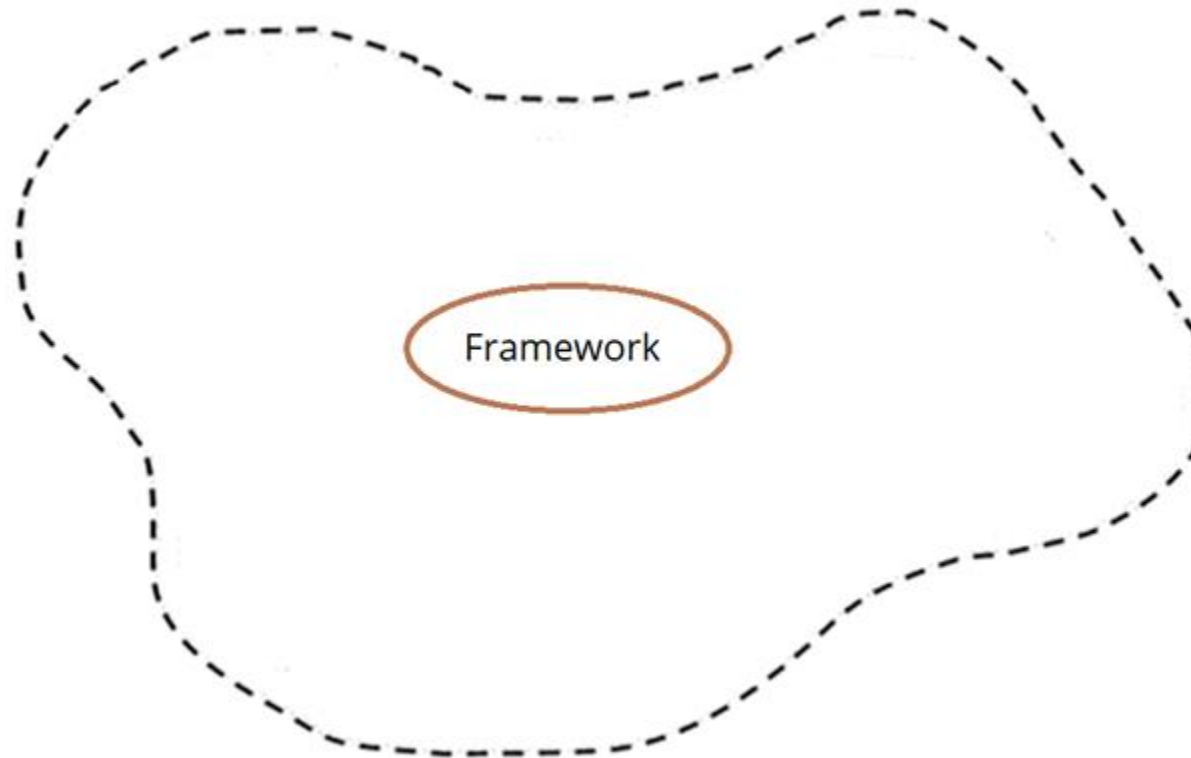
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19.10'51.24° E

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GEOCODING OUR HUMANITY AS TÉMOIGNAGE / TESTIMONY